



Euramerica: The Story of Us

First Explorations in North America

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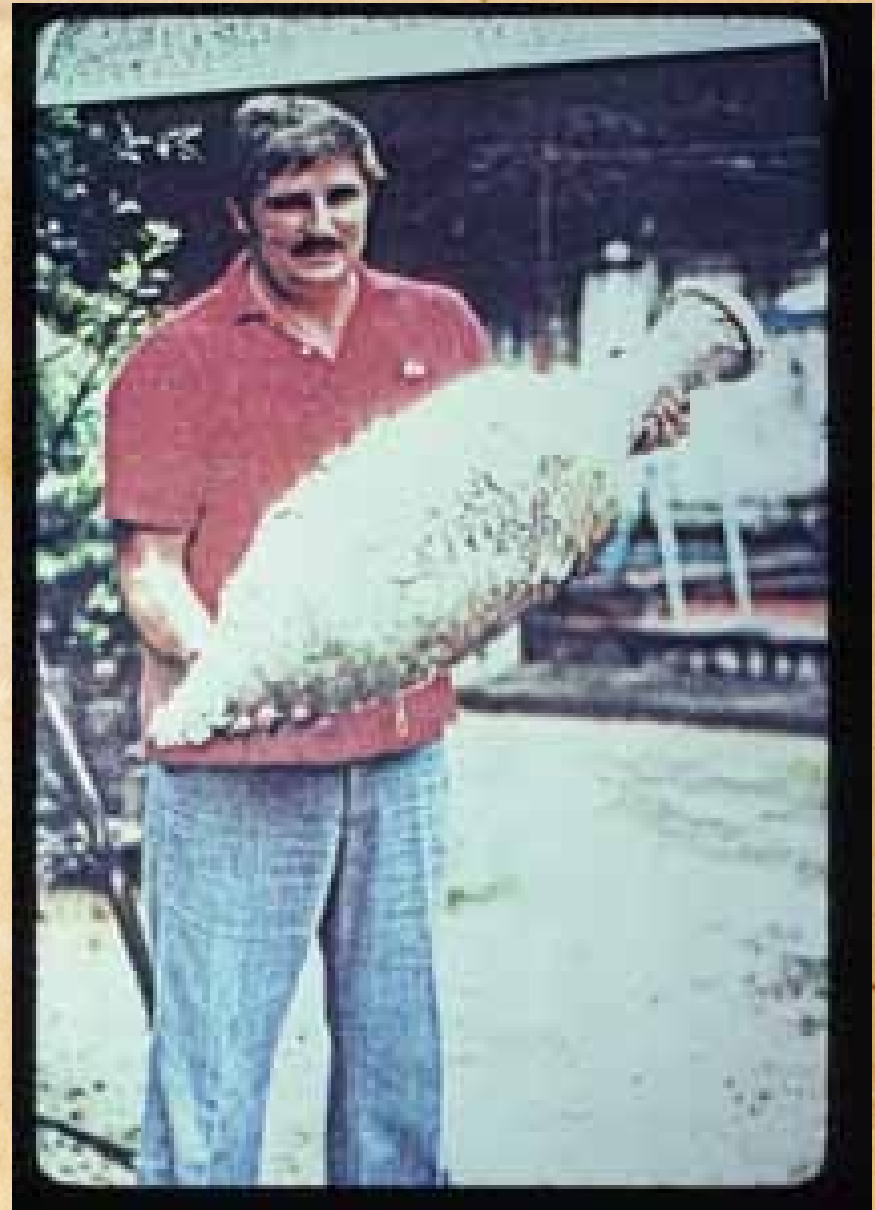
Over 1000 Years of Contact

**Euramericans have a long history
In North America**

Over 1000 years in North America

Questionable Explorations

- Romans in 190 BC may have made it to South America
- A Roman ship full of cargo discovered in Guanabara Bay, Brazil.
- Possibly a ship blown off course, carried by Westerly trade winds



Questionable Explorations

- **Saint Brendan**
 - Irish Monk
 - Sixth Century (500's)
 - Documented in Irish Texts



Questionable Explorations

- **Welsh Prince Madoc**
- Alleged 1170
- Possibly Alabama Area
- Mandan Indians are alleged to have light skin, blond hair, light eyes, and a language similar to Welsh
- Tribe died off in 1830's
- Not Conclusive



Vikings

- Absolute Evidence of Norsemen in North America around 1000 years ago (~1021)
- L'Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland, Canada




Vikings

- Conclusive Evidence of a settlement
- A reconstruction is on the site now



Columbus



- First in 1492: Bahamas, Cuba, Hispaniola
 - 1493: Dominica and Guadalupe, Puerto Rico, Jamaica
 - 1498: South America
 - 1502: Honduras Panama and Columbia
 - La Isabela, Dominican Republic founded in 1493
 - Major Colonies established following this
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Spanish

- Continuous Settlement since 1493
- 1.86 million Spaniards immigrated up to 1832
- 3.5 million Spaniards from 1850 to 1950

British Exploration

- 1497 Voyage of John Cabot (Italian Giovanni Caboto) hired by King Henry VII of England to explore North America
- Left from Bristol, England
- The British had been actively looking for Western lands known as Hy-Brasil since the 1480's
- Cabot's expedition was part of this ongoing search.



British

- Cabot made landfall on 24 June 1497
- First European explorer to reach North America (proper) since the Norse (Columbus had only traveled to Caribbean islands by that time)
- Made several trips
 - 1497 First, Second Trips
 - 1498 trip may not have returned records uncertain
 - 1500 he may have returned

British

- John Cabot's son Sebastian Cabot continued his explorations on behalf of the British Crown.
- Sebastian's 1508 journey explored vast coastal regions of North America.



Source: Evan T Jones, Wikipedia

British

- Cabot layed claim to all of North America on behalf of the British Crown
- Cabot's expeditions spurred on British colonization

French Colonies


- In 1524, Italian Giovanni da Verrazzano hired by Francis 1st, King of France to explore North America
- Explored East Coast of what is now US
- Claimed it as property of the King of France
- North Carolina to Rhode Island

French

- Jacques Cartier founded New France in 1534
- Many failed attempts at colonization until Quebec
- Acadia established in 1604
- Quebec established in 1608 by Champlain

Netherlands



- 1602: Dutch East India Company chartered to explore North America
 - 1610: Henry Hudson explored on behalf of the Dutch. Claimed lands for the Netherlands
 - Dutch claimed from Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River in the South and West, to Narragansett Bay and the Providence-Blackstone Rivers in the East, to the St. Lawrence River in the North
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Netherlands

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- In 1609 Henry Hudson discovered New York Harbor
- Permanent settlement established in 1624 in New York Harbor. Fur trading settlement came to be called New Amsterdam
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Sweden


- New Sweden established in 1638
- Colony along the Delaware River
- Also Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey

Basque

- First expedition in 1517
- Mostly around Newfoundland, Labrador and New Brunswick area
- Large scale fishing in this area around 1535.
- Allied with Spain, Rivals of the French

Portuguese




- Mainly South America
 - Competing claim over area that British claimed under Cabot
 - Joao Fernandez Lavrador explored in 1499 and 1500 along Atlantic coast up to Greenland
 - King Manuel 1st of Portugal created taxes in the Newfoundland water.
 - Later decided to focus on South America
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Scotland

- Several failed attempts to get to North America between 1621 and 1628.
- Successful settlement established in 1629.
- Nova Scotia (New Scotland) established in 1629.


British Colonies



- Roanoke Colony, North Carolina established in 1585. Failed attempt.
 - Jamestown Colony established in 1607
 - Puritans established a second colony, Plymouth, in 1620
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Summary



- Over 500 years of presence by Europeans
 - Lots of exploration from 1492 until the 1600's (about 100 years). Spanish also established many settlements during this period
 - Over 400 years of permanent presence of British, French, Spanish
 - Euramericans have a long history on this continent
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